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To whom it concerns,

I do not want to eat genetically modified (GM) foods and have been able to avoid that by growing my own food and buying organics for 65 years. GM foods should be labelled as GM, and be traceable so farmers, food producers, retailers, and shoppers and myself to avoid them.

I therefore strongly oppose changes to the Food Code that would allow a wide range of GM foods to be sold without safety assessment or labelling. These changes would undermine FSANZ's key responsibilities of ensuring food safety and our right to know what is in our food.

Agrochemical companies cannot be trusted to self-assess the safety of GM foods as they have an appalling record of manipulating data to promote dangerous products.

Gene editing techniques have been found to make genetic changes that could never occur in nature and to result in widespread genetic damage that often goes undetected by GM developers.

I am deeply concerned that FSANZ has relied on advice from scientists with serious conflicts of interest. Those seeking to commercialise GM plants, animals and microbes should play no role in deciding how foods derived from them should be regulated.

The proposed changes would make Australia one of very few countries in the world to allow genetically modified animal products into our food chain with no regulation or labelling and this "may have a significant impact on trade". The Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, agrees that all GM techniques differ from conventional breeding and that pre-market safety assessments are essential before GM organisms are used in food.

I support expanding the definition for 'gene technology' so FSANZ continues to assess and regulate all techniques and methods of genetic modification, other than conventional breeding. The proposal to deregulate new and emerging GM techniques and their food products, which pose new and unassessed risks, is completely unacceptable.

Thank you for taking my concerns into consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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